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Subject: Public workshop:
Bacterial Contamination of Animal Feed and Human Foodborne Illness
January 23, 2004, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to a one day public workshop addressing bacterial contamination of animal feed and its relationship to human foodborne illness. Animal feed, which is at the beginning of the food production chain, represents an important component of the “farm to fork” food safety model. The attribution of foodborne outbreaks in several countries to animal feed contaminated with bacterial pathogens underscores the public health significance of this issue. CDC has recently written a review article, “[Bacterial Contamination of Animal Feed and Its Relationship to Human Foodborne Illness](#)”, which highlights the human health consequences of contaminated animal feed (available at <http://www.cdc.gov/narms/>).

The workshop will take place at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, on Friday, January 23, 2004. Please join national and international colleagues as we seek to:

- 1) Increase awareness about this important public health issue
- 2) Gain a better understanding of the frequency of contamination of animal feed with human foodborne pathogens, along with potential routes of entry in the animal feed production chain
- 3) Develop partnerships to foster the continued development of practical strategies to improve animal feed safety in the United States

To register for the workshop, please complete the attached registration form and FAX or email the form to Vrinda Nargund (ybn7@cdc.gov, FAX 404-371-5444). For more information, please contact Vrinda via email or at 404-371-5411. There is no cost for registration. Lodging suggestions are below. Following the workshop, a CD with copies of workshop presentations will be available to attendees and other colleagues, upon request.

We would also like to invite presentations of data related to this topic. If you have data to present, and would like to be a speaker at the public workshop, please contact Vrinda with a proposed presentation title by November 30.

We encourage wide distribution of this invitation, and look forward to hearing from you.

REGISTRATION FORM

One Day Public Workshop

“Bacterial Contamination of Animal Feed and Human Foodborne Illness”

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Atlanta, GA 30333

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vbn7@cdc.gov).

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Please contact Vrinda (vbn7@cdc.gov, 404-371-5411) with any questions. If you have data related to this topic and are interested in presenting the data as a workshop speaker, please contact Vrinda with a proposed title by **November 30, 2003**.

Lodging suggestions:

The Emory Inn and Conference Center Hotel
1615 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30329 (across the street from CDC)
(800) 933-6679, <http://www.emoryconferencecenter.com/>
79\$-150\$

Holiday Inn Express Emory
2183 N Decatur Rd, Decatur, GA 30033 (1.4 miles from CDC)
(404) 320-0888
\$75 - \$100

Super8
917 Church St, Decatur, GA 30030 (2.1 miles from CDC)
(404) 378-3765
\$40 - \$60

Courtyard by Marriot
1236 Executive Park Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 (2.2 miles from CDC)
(404) 728-0708
\$90 - \$120